

Lanham House

SM-697

West side Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Hewitt Road

Lexington Park vicinity

Circa 1940

Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Lanham House

2. Location

street & number W. Side of Three Notch Road (MD 235)N. Of Hewitt Road not for publication

city, town Lexington Park X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James C. Lanham

street & number Box 333 telephone

city, town Ridge state and zip code MD 20680

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 43/205

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB091/046

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> commerce/trade	<u> </u> recreation/ culture	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> defense	<u> </u> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u> </u> site		<u> </u> domestic	<u> </u> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u> </u> object		<u> </u> education	<u> </u> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<u> </u> funerary	<u> </u> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<u> </u> government	<u> </u> unknown		
		<u> </u> health care	<u>X</u> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		<u> </u> industry	<u> </u> other:		
				<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence (currently vacant) on the west side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) north of Hewitt Road is located approximately 75 feet west of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a one-story concrete block garage and attached dwelling are situated west of the main dwelling. A gravel driveway runs along the north side of the property.

The 1.5-story rectangular unpainted cinder block building has a block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof that flares at the base of the east slope. A small shed-roof dormer is located on the east slope and a full-width shed-roof dormer is located on the west slope of the roof. A one-story flat-roof enclosed porch extends from the south side of the dwelling and a shed-roof entry porch and small shed are appended to the west elevation. A brick stringcourse encircles the house between the upper and lower stories. A brick chimney rises through the center ridge of the roof. Windows throughout the house consist of multi-pane metal casement sash with brick sills on the first story.

The east, or main, elevation contains a central inset entry flanked on the north by a multi-light metal casement window and on the south by a tripartite picture window with center fixed sash and eight-light casements. A brick railing is attached to the north corner of the entry. Two sets of paired six-light casement windows are located in the shed-roof dormer in the east elevation. The north elevation includes three bays in the first story: a door in the west end and two eight-light casement windows. A set of paired six-light casement windows is located in the gable. The first story of the west elevation contains three casement windows and an entry protected by a shed-roof porch with a small frame shed attached to the north side. The dormer includes a large casement window. The first story of the south elevation includes an enclosed porch with perforated cinder block walls topped by frame window openings (currently empty but may have been screened) with brick sills. A door is located in the west side of the porch. Single metal casement windows flank either side of the enclosed porch. A door with half-height sidelights is located in the gable end and provides access onto the porch roof.

An ell-shaped painted block garage with attached dwelling is situated west of the main dwelling. The two-car garage portion of the building has a cross-gable asphalt shingle roof and is located at the southern end of the building. The east elevation of the dwelling portion includes a door near the junction with the garage and a set of paired windows is located at the north end of this elevation. The north elevation contains a central door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	
			<input type="checkbox"/> history	
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates Circa 1940

Builder/Architect Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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Prior to the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) in 1942, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575 (Hammett 1991:491). The tremendous influx of workers employed by the NAS resulted in extensive residential and commercial development along the Three Notch Road (MD 235) corridor.

It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Despite minor alterations, as well as its poor condition and lack of maintenance, the dwelling appears to retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source:

None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 19,208 sq. ft.
Acreage surveyed 19,208 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Solomon's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 205, Map 43, Grid 2

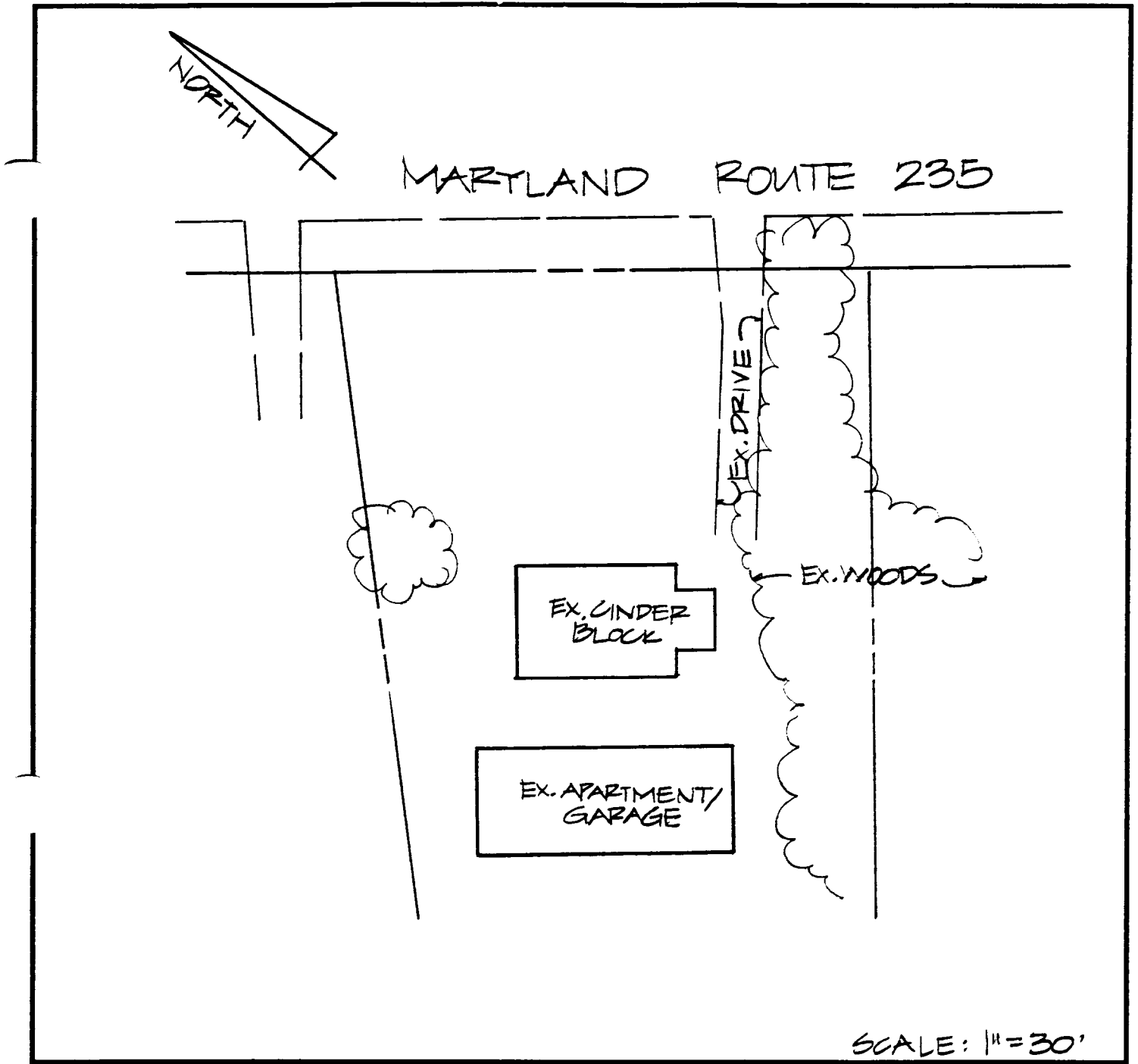
11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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 Lanham House, W. Side Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

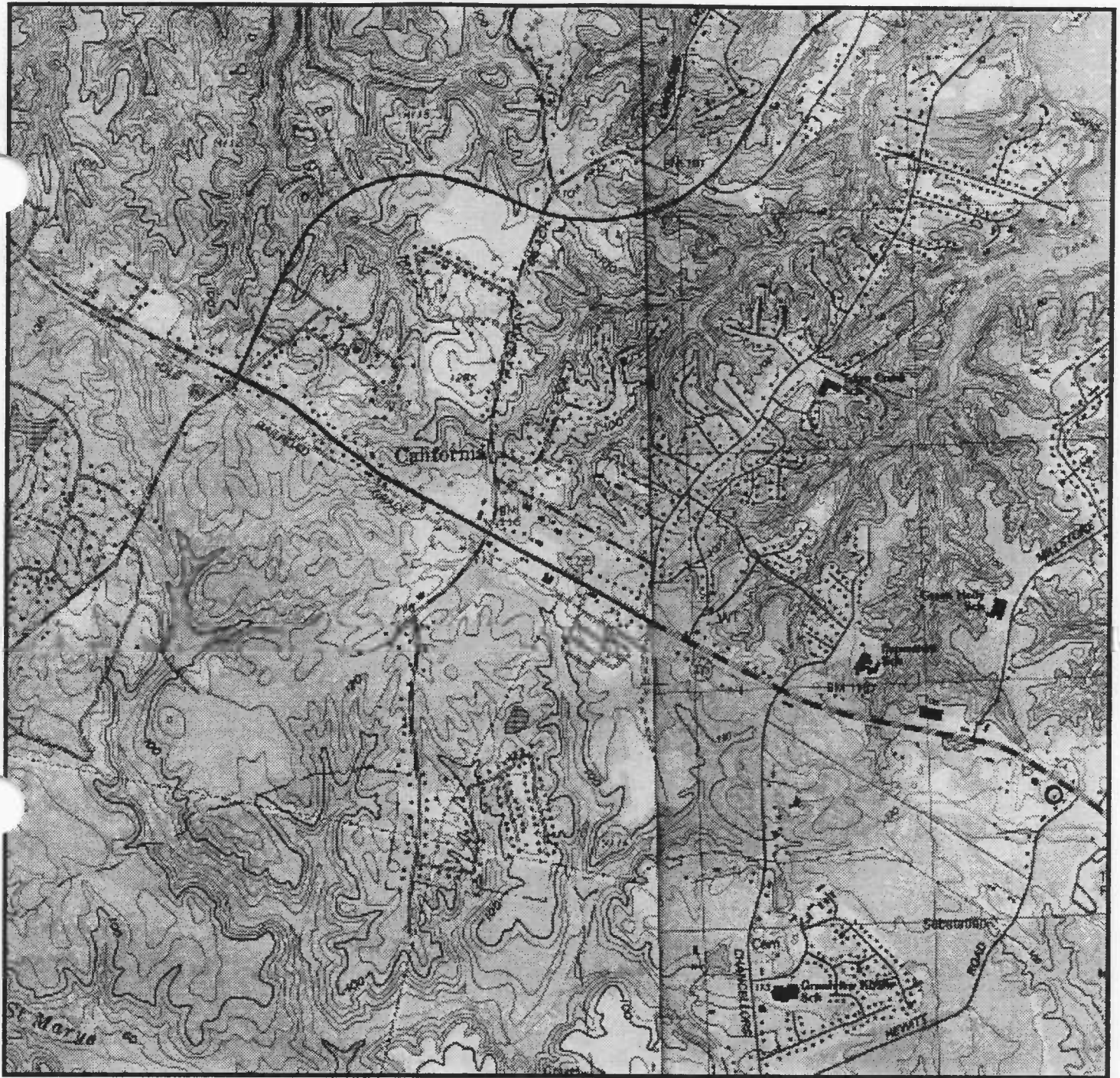


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 ADMINISTRATION

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 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
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 St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



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Lanham House, W. Side Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Solomon's Island, MD USGS Quad
1987



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MS SHPO

S + E elev. looking NW

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MS SHPO

N + W elev. looking SE

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MD SHPO

S + W elev. looking NE

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MD SUPD

N + E elev. of garage + house^{2nd fl.} looking SW

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